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CALTRANS RAMPS UP WORK ON I-80 PROJECTS IN SOLANO COUNTY

Solano – Interstate 80 in Solano County continues to be a bee-hive of construction activities through the end of 2009 and into 2010 as the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) ramps up work on various projects along the corridor.

Three projects are currently in advanced stages on I-80 between the American Canyon Road overcrossing and the Leisure Town Road exit in Vacaville.

Beginning Monday, May 18 work on a fourth project to rehabilitate four lanes of I-80 from the American Canyon overcrossing to the Air Base Parkway Overcrossing in Fairfield will increase the construction pace on a 23-mile stretch of the freeway.

Since April 30, when Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the construction groundbreaking for the new project – the first in California to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – crews have been busy with preliminary work. On the night of May 18, the contractor for the project will begin saw-cutting work on the mainline of the interstate freeway. Paving for the \$16.5 million project, awarded to Top Grade Inc. of Livermore, will begin in June.

The new project is part of improvements on I-80 through Solano County that will rehabilitate the pavement, widen shoulders, improve guardrails and construct an 8.7 mile long carpool lane in Fairfield.

Weather permitting, Caltrans plans to complete both the carpool lane and the ARRA-funded project by the end of year. The western-end of the HOV lanes project is already completed and the contractor is currently doing excavation work, lane striping and reconstructing the median from Green Valley Creek to State Route 12, near the Cordelia Truck Scales.

Earlier this year, a 4-mile stretch between Tennessee Street in Vallejo to the American Canyon Overcrossing was completed. Two other projects on I-80 are also at advanced stages. Work on the I-80 mainline between the American Canyon Overcrossing to Green Valley Creek is projected for a March 2010 completion, while the segment between the North Texas Street Overcrossing and Leisure Town Road in Vacaville will be completed by the end of 2009.

Most of the construction work on I-80 will be at night, prompting rolling lane closures. Motorists are advised to use caution when traveling through construction zones.

More information on I-80 projects in Solano County is available at www.Pave80.com.

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